

# EXHIBIT 36

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:18 PM

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Thanks for the additional info.

This is how that section reads:

1. Was there an 1) increase, 2) change in, or 3) introduction/administration of:
  - a. New taxes
  - b. Levies
  - c. Tariffs or
  - d. Governmental fees & charges

First, do we agree this is how 4(f) of the MSA reads?

Second, can you help me understand how increased power costs from Duke Energy constitute a new tax, levy, tariff or governmental charge?

Third, was this curtailment buy through part of a PPA or other agreement that was in place when we signed our MSA? If so, how does this qualify as an increase or change that occurred after the Effective Date of our MSA? If it is not new after the effective date of the MSA it does not qualify for pass-through.

Thanks,  
Joe

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**From:** Monica Xia <[mxia@corescientific.com](mailto:mxia@corescientific.com)>

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Hi Joe,

Please see below –

Section 4(f) of Core's Master Services Agreement specifies that tariffs such as the additional power charges from the utility may be passed through:

f. Further, and notwithstanding the Change in Law related costs above, after the Effective Date, if there are any increases, changes in, or introduction or administration of, any new taxes, levies, tariffs or governmental fees and charges with respect to the provision of Services, Company may, in its sole and absolute discretion, pass through all such amounts to Client ("Increased Costs") and Client shall pay all Increased Costs in accordance with the payment and invoicing procedures as set forth in this Agreement.

These additional power charges are the result of rate adjustments applied by our utility provider (Duke Energy at Marble 2). We are doing a straight pass through of the increase without any markup. Please see attached file for support.

Hope this helps to address your concerns. And Moses and team will also discuss this matter with you in your calls.

Thank you,  
Monica



**MONICA XIA, CPA**

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**From:** Joe Poore <[joe.poore@gemmining.com](mailto:joe.poore@gemmining.com)>  
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To be clear, my prior email should be considered a written dispute of all invoices with a rate above the Services rate listed in the applicable agreement. These invoices should be considered subject to the written dispute procedures outlined in the master service agreement.

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**From:** Joe Poore  
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Holy smokes. That's a > 60% increase in power costs.

My understanding is that the rate is fixed under the GEM-Core agreements. Can you please provide the following:

1. Specific reference to the portion of the agreement that allows Core to adjust the rate
2. What caused the increased power rate and is it likely to recur?
3. Can you provide some proof of the actual increased power costs (e.g. power bills or other records from the utility provider)?

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Hi Ryan and Joe,

Hope you are doing well! Please see attached invoice INV42316 for ***GEM Mining1 LLC*** and associated support for your Hosting Services.

Please note – for power consumption in Marble 2 site, , the hosting rate for 19 days in Jan 2022 is \$0.094/kWh due to increased power costs.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

We appreciate your business and trust in Core Scientific!



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